

# IW Center Focus

## Integration

- IW Concept and Capability Development
- Conventional Forces and Special Operations Forces Interdependence
- IW Seminar/Webinar, Lessons Learned, blog

## Security Cooperation

- Concept and Doctrine Input
- Policy and Handbook Input

## Security Force Assistance

- Proponent Responsibility
- MilSuite Collaboration Site
- Army Techniques Publication (ATP) Development

## Stability Operations

- Army Action Plan for Stability Operations
- Stability Operations Lessons Learned

## Counterinsurgency

- FM 3-24 Counterinsurgency revision
- ATP Development

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# U.S. Army Irregular Warfare Center



# AIWC

Army Irregular Warfare Center

# Mission

## U.S. Army Irregular Warfare Center

The Army IW Center is a subordinate organization of the Mission Command Center of Excellence (MCCoE), U.S. Army Combined Arms Center. The Combined Arms Center (CAC) activated AIWC in October 2010.

### IW Center Mission:

The Army Irregular Warfare Center supports CG, CAC, and Director MCCoE in the execution of Army IW information exchange and DOTMLPF development activities across the Army and JIIM community in order to identify needs, develop solutions and integrate capabilities.

### AIWC coordinates IW activities with:

- US Army Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI)
- Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG)
- US Army Special Operations Command
- US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center
- Headquarters Department of the Army G3/5/7 (SSO)
- Joint Center for International Security Force Assistance (JCISFA)
- Joint Staff J7 Irregular Warfare Working Group
- USMC Center for Irregular Warfare
- US Navy Irregular Warfare Office



The AIWC establishes a repository of key IW functional expertise under one roof and from which important actions are coordinated and implemented, particularly those actions that have DOTMLPF (doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leader and education, personnel, and facilities) implications.

# Irregular Warfare Basics

## IW Defined

Irregular Warfare is a violent struggle between state and non-state actors for legitimacy and influence over the relevant populations. IW favors indirect and asymmetric approaches, though it may employ the full range of military and other capabilities, in order to erode an adversary's power, influence and will. (Joint Pub 1-02, Jan 11).

## Five primary activities of IW (IW JOC 2.0)

- Foreign Internal Defense
- Counterinsurgency (COIN)
- Counterterrorism
- Stability Operations (SO)
- Unconventional Warfare

## Related IW Activities (IW JOC 2.0):

- Strategic Communications (StratComms)
- Military Information Support Operations (MISO)
- Civil-Military Operations (CMO)
- Information Operations (IO)
- Support to Law Enforcement, Intelligence and Counterintelligence

## IW is one of the most prevalent forms of armed conflict.

"Guerilla war has been the commonest of conflicts throughout history. 464 wars [that] occurred between 1916 and the end of the twentieth century shows that only 79 (17 percent) were 'conventional' interstate conflicts between the regular armed forces of nation-states, while 385 (83 percent) were civil wars or insurgencies." (David Kilcullen, *Counterinsurgency*)

